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Survey on Differently-abled Persons
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey on differently-abled persons including their demographic profile, social economic condition, accessibility to disability certificates and various schemes being run by the Government including assistance for purchase of aids and appliances has been conducted in the country;
(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof, State-wise including Bihar;

(c) if not, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard;
(d) the percentage of differently-abled persons covered under various schemes of the Government in comparison to the percentage of their population; and

(e) whether any target has been fixed for bringing them into the mainstream of the society and if so, the details thereof along with the funds sanctioned and utilised for the purpose during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

(a) to (c) As per Census 2011 there are 2.68 crore persons with disabilities. State-wise population of persons with disabilities is at Annexure-I.

As regards the disability certificates, Office of Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities monitors the status of issuance of disability certificates across the country. 1,34,93,374 persons with disabilities have been issued disability certificates vis-a-vis Census 2011 data as on 04.05.2016. State-wise position including Bihar is at Annexure-II.

Under the Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP), grant in aid is released to various Implementing Agencies for distribution of aids and appliances to eligible Persons with Disabilities. The camps for distribution of aids and appliances under the Scheme are organized after conducting survey/assessment of beneficiaries in the Districts in co-ordination with District Administration who are required to make arrangements for issue of Disability Certificates and income certificates to each of the eligible beneficiaries. Details of the funds released/utilized State-wise including Bihar during last three years under the scheme is at Annexure-III.

The Ministry has developed an application software for creating National database for persons with disabilities and also to issue Unique Identity Card to person with disability. The application software has already been hosted in National Informatics Centre cloud. The project envisages capturing of data relating to socio-economic status of persons with disabilities also.

(d) & (e) Under the ADIP Scheme, about 2.5 Lakh beneficiaries are benefitted every year. The Ministry provides grant-in-aid under Scheme for Implementation of Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 (SIPDA) for creating barrier free environment. Details of State-wise funds released/utilized under SIPDA during the last three years and current year is at Annexure-IV.

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